

Two More Producing Wells Are In

THE FIRE LADDIES

Before the movies, the autos and the radio penetrated the rural districts, there was intense delight taken in debates. One of the never-failing subjects to be considered was the destructive qualities of fire and water.

That both these elements continue their ravages on the works of man and nature is increasingly evident by the daily reports of the newspapers. As to the relative power to destroy, fire and water still offer a subject of debate. But with the astonishing increase in construction of buildings throughout the country, certainly fire has a greater opportunity to wreak destruction than ever before in the history of the civilized world.

So far as Torrance is concerned, the city is so fortunately located as to be almost immune to damage by water. But our fire risk is becoming more and more apparent with the increased construction of frame buildings and the constant encroachment of the oil fields. Yet how many of us consider our fire risk except when we have to write a check for fire insurance? How seldom do we give a thought to the fire laddies who are so watchful of the city's security from fires?

We hear the siren of the
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WILLITE CO. RESURFACING ARLINGTON

Keeping Faith With Their Pledge to Property Owners

"We are here to keep faith with the City of Torrance."

That tells the whole story in brief.

Tuesday afternoon a force of men were put to work on Arlington avenue tearing up the top layer of the Willite pavement, under the direct charge of R. H. Speaker, construction superintendent. Their \$40,000 plant is now erected in Torrance and within a few days actual laying of a new surface of Willite will be begun. Mr. Speaker addressed the City Council Tuesday evening and said in part: "I have instructions from the head office to make this job right. In fact the management told me to go down to Torrance, look the situation over and make it right even if it cost \$20,000, \$25,000 or \$30,000, and let the people know that we shall never desert the job until it is correct. We are here today to fulfill the pledges made when our company was awarded the contract."

The Willite Company will do their own work and no further trouble with the street is looked for. Officials of the company claim the cracking in the present street was due to insufficient rolling. This has been verified from the character of samples taken from patches made in the street and it is the firm conviction with those in close touch with the character of the pavement that the City of Torrance soon will have one of the finest streets in California when the new job is complete.

Mr. Huntington of the Willite Company addressed the council and stated that every pledge made the City of Torrance would be fulfilled to the letter. He informed the council that only this week they had received contracts for paving three streets in Hermosa Beach; one million square feet in Riverside county to be laid in Colton, Beaumont, and on Slauson avenue, Los Angeles. He also stated that ninety per cent of the material used in re-laying Arlington and Carson would be purchased in Torrance, the remaining ten per cent going to the Standard Oil Company for asphalt and fuel oil. The workmen live here and every available man employed will be men living in Torrance so far as possible.

MACCABEE NOTES

The Torrance Review will hold its regular meeting in the Catholic Hall Friday evening, June 8.

Twenty-four from the local Review attended the Marathon pageant staged at Patterson Field, Eagle Rock, May 29. The pageant was a history of the organization from 1892, when it was only a plan, with no members and no funds, until today it stands third in the millionaire class of societies and has over 300,000 members, and over \$17,000,000 in the reserve fund.

TO LOUISIANA

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crowell left this week for Monroe, La., where Mr. Crowell will transact business matters of importance. They expect to be gone four weeks.

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NINTH YEAR

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\$25,000 More for High School

Substantial Increase To Appropriation of High School Fund

Work to Be Started on New School Buildings This Month With Every Request Asked For Granted

Bringing home the glad tidings Wednesday afternoon that the Torrance High School appropriation had been raised from \$150,000 to \$175,000 by the Los Angeles School Board, Secretary H. F. Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce arrived late in the afternoon with this information. In fact a telephone message from him at 12:30 Wednesday stated that \$25,000 additional had been allowed and the news traveled like wild fire all over town.

Work will be started on both the elementary school, to cost \$110,000, and the high school, \$175,000, this month. The high school gets everything asked for, the assembly, showers, work shop, etc., and will be one of the finest equipped school buildings in the south when completed.

The committee as well as Messrs. Fitzhugh, Nash, Barnett and Gadeky deserve a lot of credit for their untiring efforts in sticking to the job so faithfully. Mr. Gadeky was especially anxious that J. M. Fitzhugh and E. H. Nash be given special credit for the part they had taken in securing the appropriation. They never faltered when their presence and services were needed to aid in securing the appropriation. Through their persistent efforts, rare judgment and tactfulness in handling the difficult situation a great deal of the credit is due.

Actual work on the new buildings will be started this month so that by the time school opens next fall the rooms will be ready and the overflow of pupils now knocking at the school house doors may be taken care of with full day sessions.

REALTY BOARD LUNCHEON

The Torrance Realty Board held their second meeting last night at the Meiner Cafe at 6:30. Reports from standing committees were received and an outline for constitution and by-laws were presented. Other details affecting preliminary work in perfecting the rules of the organization were discussed.

UNION TOOL PICNIC TOMORROW
The committee in charge, after visiting several municipalities decided unanimously in favor of Redondo Beach.

This annual affair has always been enjoyed by everyone in previous years and this year's is expected to surpass all others.

There will be all kinds of entertainment for both young and old, as there has been an elaborate program arranged by the committee in charge.

The Booster Club of Redondo has donated 1500 tickets for the merry-go-round to the children. The dance pavilion will be free to all from 2:00 p. m. until 5:30 p. m. and thereafter at half price. There will also be a reduced rate on the plunge.

The Union Tool Company ball team will play the Pacific Mutual at the high school grounds at 2:30 p. m. and the winner will be donated a handsome loving cup by the Redondo Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Cate of Redondo will make an address of welcome. Vice President and General Manager M. F. M. Berry of the Union Tool, will give a short talk in reply.

There will be plenty of eats for all, including cafeteria lunch, lemonade and ice cream. There will also be peanuts and cracker-jack for the children.

Don't miss this grand opportunity, so pack up Saturday morning, June 9, and come along.

NOTICE

An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, June 12, to consider paving 22nd street and intersections. J-8-11

Big Sign And Marquee Blaze Of Illumination

Mr. and Mrs. McVey of Torrance Theatre Are Congratulated

One of the most striking and beautiful electric signs ever erected in this city was in place and lighted last Saturday night when Judge Post touched the button that sent out a blaze of illumination of vari-colored lights at 7:00 o'clock. The massive sign and Marquee carries over 500 electric lights and may be seen for several miles away with its traveling, waving flashes. The marquee not only adds to the beauty of the Auditorium building but has a more important service in that the street is lighted and the advertising benefits to the city cannot be estimated in dollars. As motorists drive through evenings many have been heard to pass favorable compliments on the beauty and attractiveness of the sign. "TORRANCE THEATRE" is easily read from a distance in the large upright sign.

The total expenditure for the massive sign will cost over \$2000 and carries out the spirit of the McVey's that there is nothing too good for Torrance. It might be added here that Mrs. McVey devotes most of her time buying and previewing pictures in Los Angeles so that patrons of the theatre may enjoy the very best shown in picture films. Her judgment in selections of comedies and wholesome pictures has received the endorsement of the people of Torrance and vicinity as witnessed by the increased patronage at this popular playhouse.

FIRE CHIEF WARNS AUTOISTS

The fire chief of the Torrance Fire Department issues a warning to autoists to "clear the track" when the big fire truck starts down the street.

"Many people do not realize that the fire engine has the right-of-way when on the streets making a run to a fire," said B. F. Hannebrink, chief of the fire department. "Automobiles are supposed to draw up to the curb and stop when they see the engine coming and aid in every way to prevent congestion and keep the right-of-way clear. When making a run to a fire the truck is driven as fast as possible and it is impossible to try to dodge around automobiles on the road. There is a state law forbidding traffic of any kind to pass in front or out into side streets when the fire engine is seen coming down the street," continued Mr. Hannebrink.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice is given that on Tuesday, June 19, 1923, at 8 p. m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of Torrance, any and all persons having any objection to proposed work and improvements in the district of Amapola, Dominguez and Cota avenues and Carson street, may appear before the Board of Trustees of Torrance and show cause why said proposed improvements should not be carried out.

Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers, Tuesday, June 5 with Mayor Gilbert presiding. The following trustees answered the roll call: J. M. Fitzhugh, E. H. Nash and Geo. A. Proctor.

The following communications from the chamber of commerce were read: Whereas, it has come to the attention of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce that the fear of the people that drilling will be permitted in the Torrance Tract, and

Whereas, such fear is retarding the building of new homes in Torrance. Therefore be it resolved that the city trustees be requested to enact an ordinance prohibiting drilling east of Madrid Ave., north of Plaza del Amo, west of Border street and south of Dominguez street, or anywhere in the original Torrance Tract, except in the industrial district.

This resolution was accepted and placed on file. The second resolution: Resolved that the city trustees be requested to erect sign posts on Carson street and Vista Highlands tract, and other places in the city where needed, and also to make such changes as are necessary owing to change in names of streets and layout of the present street signs on the sidewalks with black paint so they could be more easily read.

This was referred to the proper committee for investigation and recommendations. The Union Tool Co. submitted a bid of \$100 for a franchise on 21st street, enclosing certified check for above amount and another certified check for \$500 as evidence of faith.

This matter was taken under advisement until next meeting.

Joseph A. Defouri of Redondo Beach sent in the only bid for the improvement of El Prado park, as follows: "My bid for your public work to be done on the Torrance Park; I will furnish all labor and material necessary for grading and sowing with one-half white clover and one-half Kentucky blue grass, a lawn roller, the whole of that certain park in El Prado street in the Torrance Tract, also the furnishing of fifty yards of lawn fertilizer to be plowed under with a good mulching on top after the same has been plowed and rolled, the furnishing and planting of boxwood shrubbery along both sides of all walks and the care and maintenance of said park for a period of three months after all planting has been completed, for the total sum of \$100, with one-third to be paid after three weeks' work." The bid was referred to the park committee for recommendations at the next meeting.

A petition to amend fire district was submitted by Mr. Hemmi and was signed by some twenty or twenty-five names, asking that Block Seventy and the eastern half of the so-called first district, believing it to be for the common good of the city to open that section to the building of homes.

In the matter of the paving of certain streets north of Plaza del Amo, Mrs. Price stated that she had a majority of the property owners signed up, but that she wished the city to adjourn this meeting until next Tuesday night so as to give her time to see out of town owners more or to give them a fair chance in the proposition as they would have to pay their share. The request was granted.

Mr. West of the National Paving Company said a few words in re-commendation of the paving of this matter was referred to the street committee for investigation.

Mr. Overman of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce appeared before the board in the matter of the paving of Western avenue, stating that they wanted to urge that some action be taken to start the improvement of this street within the limits of the city of Torrance and that if the city of Torrance would not act, the county supervisors would, no doubt, do the county's part in connecting up the missing links in this street so as to put it through to San Pedro.

Mr. Hawkins admitted that he always had something to say when the paving of Western avenue was mentioned, as it had become a mutual proposition and the avenue could be used to advantage no matter which direction a motorist was going; that we can get representatives to go before the board of supervisors at any time if we know Torrance will do their part.

Mr. Jackson did not know the financial condition of the city of Torrance, but if the paving could be done by any possible means, he was sure the increased traffic would be worth pay for it as a certain percentage of people were bound to stop and some of them were sure to buy; that practically all the touring car traffic would come down Western avenue and on through Lomita to San Pedro.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued this week: Root, Rhodes & Dyer, 716B Amapola, bungalow; J. B. Herm, 1447 Post avenue, dwelling; Root, Rhodes & Dyer, 716A Amapola, bungalow.

Del Amo 4 and 6 On Production During Week

Nine Wells Flowing and Sixteen on Pump Totals 6,000 Barrels Daily In Local Field

Two more wells were added to the production list during the past week when the Chanslor-Canfield Midway drillers brought in Del Amo No. 4 and No. 6. Del Amo No. 4 was brought in Wednesday and made better than 500 barrels. The

gravity was believed to be around twenty. It is an offset to the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 2. Del Amo No. 6 is making about 115 barrels and the gravity of the oil is eighteen. It offsets the Petroleum Midway's Cravens No. 1 and is on the outskirts of Redondo.

The daily production of the field, with nine wells flowing and sixteen on the pump, is approximately 6000 barrels. This amount is expected to be doubled within the next thirty days, when the five wells east of production and now in the oil sand are brought in. These wells are the Hub's Smith No. 1 and Frier No. 1; Gilmore No. 1 and the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 6 and No. 7. The casing is now being pulled in Smith No. 1 preparatory to deepening the well. It was put on production four weeks ago but the water was not shut off successfully and will be drilled to 3800 feet. It was completed originally at 3608. Drilling since then has shown that the well should have been about 200 feet deeper to get maximum production. The well made 1500 barrels a day when first brought in and the gravity went as high as thirty.

Frier No. 1 is standing cemented at about 3200 feet and is waiting for machinery to continue the drilling.

The crew in Gilmore No. 1 began drilling out the cement Tuesday and it was believed yesterday that the second cement job on this well would prove successful. The drill is down nearly 3300 feet with the showings pointing to a good well. It will be drilled to 3800 feet.

Both Torrance No. 6 and No. 7 are standing cemented and it will be another week before drilling is resumed. Torrance No. 6 is down 3254 feet and Torrance No. 7, 3145 feet.

Outstripping the other crews working on new wells in the field, the men manning the Superior Oil Company's Shedd No. 1 at Carson and Cedar street spudded in the well Monday. Machinery is being installed in the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 10 on the south side of Carson street and in the Trimble-Rhea well in Block Fifty-five. Both wells will be spudded in within the next few days.

The Superior Oil Company is also preparing to spud in its first well in the 4070 Tract, just north of 216th street in Block Eleven. The Hub Oil Company is keeping pace with the new developments and is installing machinery in its Smith No. 2, offsetting the Standard's Torrance Community No. 3 and in the first well on the Vista Highland's lease about two blocks east of Gilmore No. 1.

The Standard and Chanslor-Canfield Midway drillers are about to engage in another drilling race at the northeast corner of the Standard's thirty-acre lease on the west side of Torrance. The work of erecting a steel derrick for Torrance Community No. 4, the first steel derrick in the field, was completed two days ago and machinery is now being installed. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway crew made record time in putting up the rig for Torrance No. 11 and preparations are now being made

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GIRL'S CLUB ENTERTAIN

The Girls' Club of the Union Tool Company gave a dinner party Thursday noon at the Meiner Cafe to one of their departing members. About thirty were present.

GEO. PROCTOR WILL OCCUPY M. E. PULPIT

Will Preach on Benefits of Incorporation at Moneta

George A. Proctor, incorporation mayor of Torrance, has been asked to go over to Moneta next Sunday night, June 10, and explain the benefits of incorporation to the voters, whose election comes up next month.

The pastor of the First Methodist church of Moneta believes in open discussion of subjects that affect his city and invited Mr. Proctor to take charge of Sunday night's service. George took a short breath when advised of this request but gave one of those hearty laughs of his and showed his gameness by accepting. Many Torrance folk will be present to hear him deliver his maiden sermon—and none will be disappointed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The case of O. T. Coulwell, charged with assault and battery on S. L. Carmack is set for trial June 15.

F. R. Morgan, charged with resisting an officer, came into court Thursday morning and deposited cash bond for his appearance when the case is set for trial.

Five boys were arrested this week by City Marshal Anderson for stealing milk. Their cases will be settled by the juvenile court.

Several fines were paid into court by speeders. These cases are being watched very closely by the Torrance police department and are growing smaller each week.

BOY SCOUTS' BENEFIT

The Boy Scouts benefited to the extent of about \$90, the net proceeds of the show sponsored by the Business Men's Association, last Tuesday evening. The theatre was filled with an appreciative audience, who howled its delight at the ineptitude of some of the prizes as they were called off, with women receiving cigarettes, cigarette cases and men's socks, and ladies' silk stockings going to the men. The fifty-five prizes were donated by the various business houses of Torrance, who are making the Boy Scout Benefit an annual affair.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Representing the local Auxiliary, Mrs. H. F. Rees and Mrs. N. L. Pennington visited the Old Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, Wednesday evening. The ladies carried a car load of magazines, records, canned fruit and clothing to the ex-service men there.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at 7:30 next Monday evening, June 11, at the club room, in American Legion Hall, preceded by a meeting of the executive board at 7:00 o'clock.

TO BRENTWOOD PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sammons will move to Brentwood Park in July, where they will build a home. Mr. Sammons will enter the contracting-building business and expects to design and build residences on the lots he owns in Brentwood Park for resale.